GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Scheme of Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribes
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has increased/proposes to increase the level of funding for the "Scheme of Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribes" owing to the increase in number of districts having more than 25% ST girls population;

(b) if so, the details of funds allocated to these new districts since Caste Census data was made public;

(c) whether the Government has increased the funding in consumerate with increase in population of STs during the last year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS
(SHRI JASWANTSINH BHABHOR)

(a) to (d): The relevant scheme being implemented through Voluntary Organisations/Non-Governmental Organisations by the Ministry is called 'Strengthening Education among Scheduled Tribe (ST) Girls in Low Literacy Districts' and is being implemented in 54 identified districts with 25% or more Scheduled Tribe population, and Tribal female literacy rate below 35% or its fraction as per 2001 census (Appendix I). Any other tribal block in a district, other than aforesaid 54 identified districts, which has Scheduled Tribe population 25% or above, and tribal female literacy rate below 35% or its fractions, as per 2001 census, shall also be covered (Appendix-II, Blocks intimated by West Bengal and Karnataka so far. Such Blocks fulfilling the criteria in other States may also be considered as and when reported). In addition, the scheme will also cover areas below a Block level (e.g. Gram Panchayats) inhabited by the notified Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) (Appendix-III). Out of all the aforesaid areas, the naxal affected areas shall be given priority. Thus, increase only in population of Scheduled Tribe girls in any district is not the criteria for funding under the scheme

Further, under the scheme, funds are not allocated to States or districts, but sanctioned to Non-Governmental Organisations/Voluntary Organisations for providing hostel facilities for tribal girls at the Block level to enable them to attend regular middle/secondary school, and at the panchayat level to attend regular primary school and for running of Educational Complexes for tribal girls, in the identified low literacy districts. Funds are sanctioned based on demand, recommendation of the State Government and subject to fulfilment of all conditions of the scheme and GFRs. Moreover, budget allocation is not available separately for this scheme, but for the scheme of 'Grant-in-Aid to Voluntary Organisation Working for Welfare of Scheduled Tribes', which also includes this component. Hence, question of funding /increasing funding to such new districts under the scheme does not arise.
Funds released under the scheme during the last three years and the current financial year is as under:-
FUND RELEASED DURING THE YEARS 2013-14 TO 2016-17 UNDER THE SCHEME OF "STRENGTHENING EDUCATION AMONG SCHEDULED TRIBE GIRLS IN LOW LITERACY DISTRICTS

(Rupees in Lakhs)

2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17 (as on 31.01.2017)
4030.01	3500.00	5329.62	5576.42

APPENDIX-I
DISTRICTS IDENTIFIED FOR THE SCHEME OF STRENGTHENING EDUCATION AMONG ST GIRLS IN LOW LITERACY DISTRICTS

S.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Name of Districts	Percentage of scheduled tribe population in the district as per 2001 Census	Tribal Female Literacy rate in the District as per 2001 Census
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Khammam	26.47	27.6
2.	Jammu & Kashmir	Rajouri	33.12	26.0
3.		Punch	39.99	28.3
4.	Rajasthan	Dungarpur	65.14	21.8
5.		Banswara	72.27	18.9
6.		Udaipur	47.86	25.7
7.	Arunachal			

Pradesh Tawang 74.99 26.4
8. East Kameng 86.71 24.5
9. Lower Subansiri 90.09 33.4
10. Tirap 83.66 22.8
11. Nagaland Mon 93.92 35.4
12. Tripura Dhalai 54.02 33.3
13. Jharkhand Sahibganj 29.15 15.5
14. Pakaur 44.59 13.1
15. Dumka 39.89 21.7
16. Paschimi Singhbhum 53.36 23.7
17. Purbi Singhbhum 27.85 31.3
18. Lohardaga 55.70 32.0
19. Orissa Gajapati 50.78 14.8
20. Kandhamal 51.96 26.9
21. Nuapada 34.71 16.2
22. Kalahandi 28.65 17.2
23. Rayagada 55.76 10.1
24. Nabarangapur 55.03 11.1
25. Koraput 49.61 8.4
26. Malkangiri 57.43 7.5
27. Debgarh 33.60 31.2
28. Keonjhar 44.50 26.0
29. Mayurbhanj 56.60 23.5
30. Balangir 20.63 25.5

31. Chhattisgarh Surguja 54.60 35.6
32. Korba 41.50 33.7
33. Bastar 66.31 23.1
34. Dantewada 78.51 13.4
35. Bilaspur 19.87 35.5
36. Madhya
Pradesh Umaria 44.05 30.4
37. Shehdol 44.48 31.0
38. Sidhi 29.89 21.6
39. Ratlam 25.89 27.7
40. Jhabua 86.85 19.4
41. Dhar 54.50 24.2
42. West Nimar 35.48 31.8
43. Barwani 67.01 19.7
44. East Nimar 29.68 22.2
45. Betul 39.41 34.0
46. Harda 26.63 24.7
47. Dindori 66.48 34.0
48. Mandla 57.23 35.7
49. Gujarat Dahod 72.26 24.6
50. Panchmahals 27.45 29.2
51. Vadodara 26.56 25.4
52. Dadra & Nagar Dadra & Nagar 62.24 27.0
53. Maharashtra Nandurbar 65.53 32.2
54. Dhule 25.97 35.0

APPENDIX-II
TRIBAL BLOCKS OTHER THAN 54 IDENTIFIED DISTRICTS WHICH FULFILL THE CRITERIA
S.No. Name of State Name of District Name of Tribal
Block
1. Karnataka Raichur Devadurga
Chitradurga Molakalmur
Bellary Sandur
Kudligi
2. West Bengal Darjiling Phansidewa
Jalpaiguri Mal
Matiali
Nagrakata
Madarihat Kalchini Kumargram
Maldah Habibpur
North 24-
Parganas Sandeshkhali-I
Bankura Hirbandh

Puruliya Santuri
Hura Balarampur Manbazar-II Bundwan
West Medinipur Gopiballavpur-I
Nayagram
Kharagpur-II

APPENDIX-III
List of identified Primitive Tribal Groups in India
States/UTs. Name of P.T.G. Population
Andhra Pradesh 1.Chenchu
2.Bodo Gadaba
3.Gutob Gadaba
4.Dongria Khond
5.Kutia Khond
6.Kolam
7.Konda Reddi
8.Kondasavara
9.Bondo Porja
10.Khond Porja
11.Parengi Porja
12.Thoti
Bihar (Including Jharakhand) 13.Asur (Bihar and Jharkhand)
14.Birhor (Bihar and Jharkhand)
15.Birjia (Bihar and Jharkhand)
16.Hill Kharia (Jharkhand)
17.Korwa (Bihar and Jharkhand)
18.Mal Paharia (Bihar and Jharkhand)
19.Parhaiya (Bihar and Jharkhand)
20.Sauria Paharia (Bihar and Jharkhand)
21.Savar (Bihar and Jharkhand)
Gujarat 22.Kolgha
23.Kathodi
24.Kotwalia
25.Padhar
26.Siddi
Karnataka 27.Jenu Kuruba
28.Koraga
Kerala 29.Cholanaikayan
30.Kadar
31.Kattunayakan
32.Koraga
33.Kurumba
Madhya Pradesh (including
Chhattisagarh) 34.Abujh Maria (Chhattisgarh)
35.Baiga (M.P. and Chhattisgarh)
36.Bharia (M.P.)
37.Birhor (Chhattisgarh)
38.Hill Korwa (Chhattisgarh)
39.Kamar (Chhattisgarh)

40.Sahariya (M.P.)
Maharashtra 41.Katkari/Kathodi
42.Kolam
42.Maria Gond
Manipur 44.Maram Naga
Orissa 45.Chuktia Bhunjia
46.Birhor
47.Bondo
48.Didayi
49.Dongria Khond
50.Juang
51.Kharia
52.Kutia Khond
53.Lanjia Saura
54.Lodha
55.Mankirdia
56.Paudi Bhuyan
57.Saura
Rajasthan 58.Saharia
Tamil Nadu 59.Irular

60.Kattunayakan
61.Kota
62.Korumba
63.Paniyan
64.Toda
Tripura 65.Riang
Uttar Pradesh (including
Uttrakhand) 66.Buksa (U.P. and Uttrakhand)
67.Raji (Uttrakhand)
West Bengal 68.Birhor
69.Lodha
70.Toto
Andaman & Nicobar Islands 71.Great Andamanese
72.Jarawa
73.Onge
74.Sentinelese
75.Shom Pen